What is claimed is:

1.      A method for a context-of-use-independent content system, comprising the steps of:
providing content data 101 for an item, said content data having a type;
5       specifying selection criteria 105 106; and
outputting 103 104 105 said content data and type that satisfies said selection criteria.

2.      The method of claim 1, wherein:
said specifying step further comprises specifying a context 105 106; and
10      said outputting 105 step further comprises outputting said content data as content when the type
of the content data matches the context and as content description otherwise.

3.      The method of claim 2, wherein the specifying step further comprises the step of
specifying a context 105 106 selected from the group consisting of audio cassette player, CD player, DVD
15      player, picture viewer, software module, hardware component, electronic device, and portable electronic·
device.

4.      The method of claim 1, wherein the providing step further comprises the step of
downloading 102 203 the content data and type for an item over a network 202 from a content source.
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5.      The method of claim 1, wherein the providing step further comprises the step of
providing a proxy for the content data.

25         '  6.      The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing a context-of-use
independent subsystem 107 to perform said providing step and said outputting step.

7.      The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of configuring the context-of-use
independent subsystem 107 to include:
30      a content storage database 103 to store said content data and type for an item and output
therefrom content data and type that satisfy the specified selection criteria;

a content relation database 104 to store relationships between the stored content data for an item and output therefrom relationships between stored content data that satisfy the specified selection criteria; and

a pre-processing module 102 that performs the steps of

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- storing the content data in the content storage database, and

- creating and storing relationships between the content data for an item

in the content relation database.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of configuring a context-of-use

10 dependent system 108 to perform said specifying step.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein said configuring step further comprises the step of configuring the context-of-use-dependent subsystem 108 to include a post-processing subsystem 105 that performs the outputting step to output data and type and relationships respectively retrieved from the

15 content storage database 103 and the content relation database 104 that satisfy the specified selection criteria.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein said specifying step further comprises configuring a context-of-use dependent subsystem 108 to perform said specifying step.

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11. The method of claim 10, wherein said configuring step further comprises the step of configuring the context-of-use-dependent subsystem to include a post-processing subsystem 105 that performs the outputting step to output data and type and relationships respectively retrieved from the content storage database 103 and the content relation database 104 that satisfy the specified selection

25 criteria.

12. An apparatus for a context-of-use-independent content system, comprising:

a content storage database 103 to store said content data and type for an item and output content data and type that satisfy a specified selection criteria;

30 a content relation database 104 to store relationships between the stored content data for an item and output relationships between stored content data that satisfy the specified selection criteria; and

a pre-processing module 102 arranged to

- receive content data 101 having a type,

- store content data and type in the content storage database 103, and

- create and store in the content relation database 104, relationships between content data for an item stored in the content storage database 103.

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13. The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising a post-processing module 105 that provides the specified selection.

14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the post-processing system 105 receives the output

10   content data and type and relationships and then outputs content data as content when the type of the content data matches a specified context and as content description otherwise.

15. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the specified context is selected from the group consisting of audio cassette player, CD player, DVD player, picture viewer, software module, hardware

15   component, electronic device, and portable electronic device.

16. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the received content data is downloaded 102 203 over a network 202 from a content source 201.

20      17. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said received content data is a proxy for said content data.

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